

## House Resolution No. 1864

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished herself as a leader of her community; and

**Whereas**, Sherri George, an esteemed resident of Mt. Vernon, Missouri, is to be commended for helping to establish the Children's Center of Southwest Missouri located between Monett and Pierce City; and

**Whereas**, the Children's Center was established in May 1997, since which time it has been steadfast in its efforts to reduce the trauma of abused children by facilitating a multidisciplinary response; and

**Whereas**, the Children's Center serves several main purposes in its mission to conduct one, neutral, child-friendly, fact-finding interview of the child; to provide a medical exam by a specially trained professional in a safe, child-friendly setting; to help the child victim and family navigate and understand the initial investigation and following legal process; and to provide therapy services for child abuse victims; and

**Whereas**, the Children's Center is dedicated to ten core components which include a child-friendly facility, multidisciplinary team, organizational capacity, cultural competency, forensic interviews, therapeutic intervention, victim support/advocacy, case tracking, case review, and medical; and

**Whereas**, the Children's Center serves eleven counties in southwest Missouri: Bates, Barry, Barton, Cedar, Dade, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, St. Clair, and Vernon; and

**Whereas**, Sherri George has helped organize fundraisers, acted as a liaison between government agencies and organizers, and called on businesses door-to-door for support for the Center:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Sherri George for her unparalleled service to the Children's Center of Southwest Missouri, and in wishing her only the very best of success in all her future endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Sherri George.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jack Goodman  
District No. 132

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1864, adopted April 20, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker